Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

The RIP 220 then renders the display list instructions constructing a bitmap image of the page to be rendered in memory. For example, the RIP 220 can render the display list instructions forming a bitmap which is stored in a raster data buffer. For color imaging, the RIP may add color information to the raster information. ~~For color imaging, the RIP may add color information to the raster information.~~ For a color device, each pixel of the raster encodes color information, i.e. instead of a single bit indicating "mark" there is a color value, say R,G,B or C,M,Y,K. Different encodings are possible (interleaved vs. banded). Finally, the RIP encodes the bitmap into a format acceptable to a printer and sends the encoded data (encoded raster file 222) to the printer using an operating system service.